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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM 161

TO:

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Treasury
The Secretary of Commerce
The Attorney General
The Director of Central Intelligence
Military Representative of the President
Administrator, Federal Aviation Agency

Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: U. S. Internal Security Programs

l. In line with my continuing effort to give primary responsibility for the initiative on major matters of policy and administration in a given field to a key member of my Administration, I will look to the Attorney General to take the initiative in the government in ensuring the development of plans, programs, and action proposals to protect the internal security of the United States. I will expect him to prepare recommendations, in collaboration with other departments and agencies in the government having the responsibility for internal security programs, with respect to those matters requiring Presidential action.

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2. Accordingly, I have directed that the two interdepartmental committees concerned with internal security—the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC) and the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS)—which have been under the supervision of the National Security Council, will be transferred to the supervision of the Attorney General. The continuing need for these committees and their relationship to the Attorney General will be matters for the Attorney General to determine.

Amelling

cc: J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman Interdepartmental
Intelligence Conference
John F. Doherty, Chairman Interdepartmental
Committee on Internal Security
A. Russell Ash, NSC Staff

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